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Laurel, MD.

(LES) On 9/1/01, Nawaf Al-Hazmi stayed at the Pin Del Motel, Laurel, MD. He stayed in room 7 from 9/1/01 through 9/2/01.

(LES) From 9/2/01 through 9/9/01, Nawaf Al-Hazmi stayed at the Valencia Hotel (Budget Hosts Inn), Laurel, MD.

(LES) On 9/5/01, Hanjour obtained a Maryland State Identification Card.

(LES) On 9/10/01, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and the other AA77 hijackers stayed at the Marriott Residence Inn, Herndon, VA. Al-Hazmi stayed in room 122 from 9/10/01 through 9/11/01.

Q. The Events of September 11, 2001

i. American Airlines Flight 11

(LES) AA Flight 11 was hijacked by Mohamed Atta (seat 8D, Business Class Section), Abdulaziz Al-Omari (seat 8G, Business Class Section), Waleed Al-Shehri (seat 2B, First Class Section), Wail Al-Shehri (seat 2A, First Class Section) and Satam Al-Suqami (seat 10B, Business Class Section). Atta was believed to be the pilot after the hijacking as he was the only hijacker on this team who had taken flight training and flight simulator training.

(LES) On 9/11/01, at 6:00 AM, Atta and Al-Omari boarded US Air Flight 5930 departing Portland, Maine, to Boston Logan Airport. They were both carrying black shoulder bags when they passed through security. When Atta arrived at Logan Airport, he received a telephone call on his cellular telephone from a pay phone located inside Terminal "C", Boston Logan Airport. This call is believed to have originated from one of the United Airlines Flight 175 hijackers who were waiting to board United Airlines Flight 175, which was boarding in Terminal "C" of Boston Logan Airport.

(LES) At 6:45 AM, Wail Al-Shehri's white Mitsubishi arrived at Logan airport parking lot. At least one witness reported seeing 3 men in the car. Fifteen minutes later at 7:00 AM, Al-Suqami checked one bag for the flight.

(LES) The hijackers from American Airlines Flight 11 all purchased one-way tickets in either First Class or Business Class. The seats had a direct line of sight with each other and with the cockpit door. Waleed Al-Shehri and Wail Al-Shehri occupied the first two seats in First Class. The cockpit doors were easily accessible from these seats. Atta and Al-Omari occupied the two middle seats of the second row in Business Class, and Al-Suqami sat in the aisle seat in the next to

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last row in Business Class. American Airlines Flight 11 was cleared for takeoff at 8:00 AM and diverted course at 8:14 AM. American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 AM, resulting in the collapse of the tower at approximately 10:25 AM.

(LES) Later in the day on 9/11/01, two pieces of luggage in the name of Mohamed Atta, which had not been loaded onto American Airlines Flight 11, were recovered at Boston's Logan Airport. Among other items, the bag contained a handwritten letter in Arabic that gave both spiritual and literal instructions on how to behave during the hijacking operation. Copies of this letter were also recovered at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 and in the car registered to Nawaf Al-Hazmi that was found at Dulles International Airport.

ii. United Airlines Flight 175

(LES) United Airlines Flight 175 was hijacked by Marwan Al-Shehhi (seat 6C, Business Class Section), Hamza Al-Ghamdi (seat 9C, Economy Class Section), Mohand Al-Shehri (seat 2B, First Class Section), Ahmed Al-Ghamdi (seat 9D, Economy Class Section) and Fayez Banihammad (seat 2A, First Class Section). Al-Shehhi was believed to be the pilot after the hijacking as he was the only hijacker on this team who had flight training and flight simulator training.

(LES) Early in the morning on 9/11/01, Hamza Al-Ghamdi checked out of the Days Hotel. About 15 minutes prior to checkout, another man identified by the hotel manager as Ahmed Al-Ghamdi exited the hotel. A taxi drove Hamza Al-Ghamdi and an unknown male, believed to be Ahmed Al-Ghamdi, to the airport, dropping them off at 6:15 AM. Banihammad and Al-Shehri checked out of the Milner Hotel at approximately 6:20 AM and then drove a rental car to Boston Logan Airport, where they returned the car to the rental company. Al-Shehhi, who had received a cell phone call from Ziad Jarrah (Flight 93) that morning, also arrived at the airport.

(LES) United Airlines Flight 175 departed Boston's Logan Airport at 7:58 AM, bound for Los Angeles, California. At 8:46 AM, United Airline Flight 175 changed its transponders code, possibly signifying that the hijackers had control of the aircraft. At 9:03 AM, UA 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center, and the tower collapsed at 9:55 AM.

(LES) The collapse of the World Trade Center's North and South Towers resulted in the deaths of approximately 2,891 people.

iii. American Airlines Flight 77

(LES) American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked by Khalid Al-Mihdhar (seat 12B, Coach

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Section), Nawaf Al-Hazmi (seat 5E, First Class Section), Hani Hanjour (seat 1B, First Class Section), Salem Al-Hazmi (seat 5F, First Class Section) and Majed Moqed (seat 12A, Coach Section). Hanjour is believed to have been the pilot as he had the most flight training and flight simulator training of all the hijackers aboard American Airlines Flight 77.

(LES) At approximately 6:22 AM on 9/11/01, Nawaf Al-Hazmi and several unidentified males checked out of the Marriott Residence Inn in Herndon, VA. Between 7:15 AM and 7:20AM, Al-Mihdhar and Moqed appear on various security cameras at Dulles Airport. They are seen stopping at the American Airlines (AA) counter. Cameras also captured Nawaf and Salem Al-Hazmi at the AA counter at 7:29 AM. Finally, security cameras recorded Hanjour passing through security at 7:35 AM.

(LES) American Airlines Flight 77 departed Dulles International Airport (IAD) at 8:20 AM en route to Los Angeles. At 8:51 AM, the last routine radio contact with the aircraft was made and at 8:55 AM, the aircraft began an unauthorized turn to the south. At 9:37 AM, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the southwest side of the Pentagon.

(LES) In addition to the 53 passengers, 6 flight crew members, and 5 hijackers, 125 Pentagon employees, both civilian and military, died inside the Pentagon.

(LES) On 9/12/01, a 1988 Toyota Corolla registered to Nawaf Al-Hazmi was found in a parking lot at Dulles Airport. A search of this vehicle revealed many documents and other items associated with the hijackers, including a four-page letter handwritten in Arabic. This letter was identical to those found in luggage belonging to Atta (AA Flight 11) and at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Stoney Creek Township, Pennsylvania. These letters gave spiritual and literal guidance on how to prepare for the hijacking operation.

iv. United Airlines Flight 93

(LES) United Airlines (UA) Flight 93 was hijacked by Ziad Jarrah (seat 1B, First Class Section), Saeed Al-Ghamdi (seat 3D, First Class Section), Ahmad Al-Haznawi (seat 6B, First Class Section) and Ahmed Al-Nami (seat 3C, First Class Section). Jarrah is believed to have been the pilot as he was the only hijacker on this team who had flight training and flight simulator training.

(LES) At approximately 6:48 AM, Jarrah checked out of the Days Inn, Newark, NJ. At 7:01 AM, Jarrah arrived at Newark Airport and he checked in for UA Flight 93 at 7:39 AM. Al-Ghamdi and Al-Nami had already checked in at 7:03 AM, while Al-Haznawi checked in at 7:24 AM.